



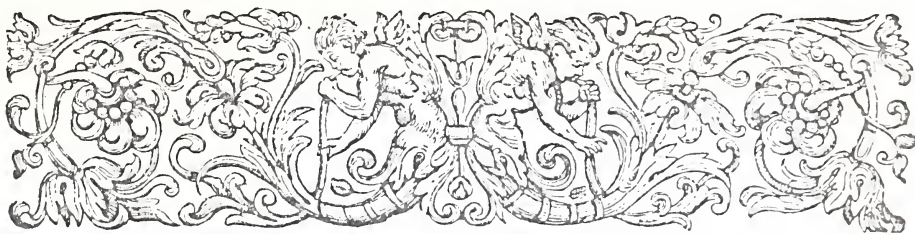
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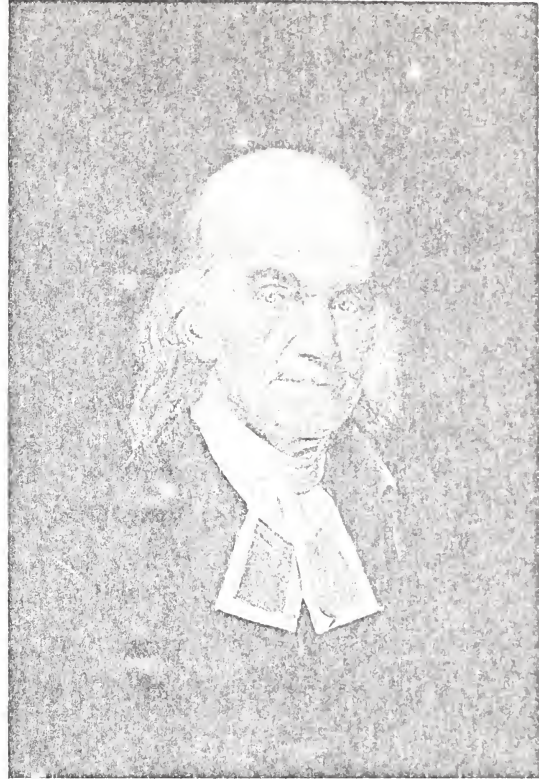


The *DIARY* of the Rev^d
DANIEL FULLER

With his Account of His Family
& other matters. Written at *Gloucester*, in
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REV. DANIEL FULLER

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THE REV. DANIEL FULLER, my maternal grandfather, lived between the years 1740 and 1829. He was graduated at Harvard College; was ordained a clergyman of the Congregational Church, January 10, 1770, having been called as associate pastor of the west parish of Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1769. Becoming full pastor on the death of the Rev. Richard Jaques in 1777, he continued in this ministration—his only parish—for fifty years.

He was a typical country parson of the old school, "passing rich on forty pounds a year." (His salary was actually seventy pounds a year, and the use of the parsonage wood-lot; but during the War of the Revolution, and again during the second war with England, when by reason of distress and poverty his people were unable to meet their pecuniary obligations to him, he remitted this amount and encouraged his flock to bear the hardships incident to their struggle for liberty and their rights.)

His biography is given modestly and succinctly in his own words in the manuscript written for his

children's information, "that they might not be ignorant of their lineage and descent," which is reprinted in these pages; and to his own words I do not see that I can add anything. His sons and daughters to the third and fourth generation have risen up to call him blessed, according to the scriptural promise, and his and their seed are like the sands of the sea on many shores. And his exact and conscientious methods, love of literal truth, his patriotism and exaltation in the self-sacrifice and achievements of his compatriots in the War of the Revolution, to whose patriot soldiery he contributed his ministrations as voluntary chaplain, are sufficiently displayed in the diary now reprinted from the original in my possession.

Upon their arriving at the age of fourteen years, he "bound" (after the custom of the day, and as he was himself bound) his male children to reputable artisans, that each might learn a useful trade, trusting to their own bents to lead them, as his own bent had led himself, to seek education and a learned profession, if so it pleased Providence. Although holding himself in line with the rigid tenets of his vocation, he was not wanting in that sense of humor which was often the amenity of the hard regimen of the Puritan pastor, and he used to tell of a poor man who came to him one spring to be married,

offering, in payment for that service, to plant his potatoes! The service was rendered, and in the fall of the same year the man came back and offered to dig and harvest the potatoes if the parson would unmarry him. To which Mr. Fuller replied that the knot he had fixed in the spring was one "which you could tie with your tongue, but could not untie with your teeth!" He died at the house of his son Benjamin, in Dorchester, May 23, 1829. The meeting-house where he preached for half a century was, as appears from the picture of it here reproduced, a great barn-like structure, built, after the stern fashion of the day—foursquare and without the slightest amelioration of its lines,—of timbers rudely hewn from the inclosing forests. It has now entirely disappeared, but its site is the wildest and rockiest of spots to-day, and repels by the rugged barrenness of its desolation.

His youngest daughter, Sarah (born January 29, 1787; died January 7, 1872), married November 15, 1807, my father, James Appleton, then of Gloucester, afterward Brigadier-General of Massachusetts State Troops. Although a Federalist by connection and political preference, and so opposed to the policy which precipitated the second war with England, as soon as his country had committed itself to that war, General Appleton promptly volunteered his services in the field.

He served during that war as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Gloucester Regiment—certified as the Second Regiment, First Brigade, Second Division, of the Massachusetts Line. He twice, at the engagements of Sandy Bay and of Gallup's Folly, in 1814, repelled attacks of the British fleet under Sir George Colier upon the city and forts of Gloucester, for which services he was borne as of the same rank upon the rolls of the Regular Army of the United States. He subsequently was promoted Colonel, and Brigadier-General of the First Brigade, Second Division, of the Massachusetts Line, being honorably discharged as of that rank, June 15, 1827.

It will be seen that, in his chronological account, my grandfather finds his first ancestor in Thomas Fuller, the emigrant who, according to his own verses, came to New England in 1638 out of curiosity, intending

. . . to stay one Year
And here to stay no more.

This Mr. Thomas Fuller, however, stayed to some purpose, and has other claims to be remembered by his posterity than as a writer of verses. Among the earliest settlers of Middleton, he became one of its most considerable and wealthiest proprietors, and a large part of that town his descendants have occupied and

improved to this day. Here he founded the second iron-working establishment in the present limits of the United States, iron having been discovered in the boggy soil thereabouts. And it is a singular fact, too, that the only earlier iron-works in the country were owned and operated in the neighboring town of Saugus, from ore taken from the same character of soil by Samuel Appleton, another ancestor of the Ipswich family into which the daughter of Daniel Fuller married. Among his descendants were many whose names have an interest other than local: Archelaus, a brother of the Rev. Daniel Fuller, the writer of the Diary, who was an aide-de-camp on General Washington's staff, and a member of the First, Second, and Third Continental Congresses. He died, at the early age of forty-five years, from disease contracted in the Quebec campaign. Of later date, the famous Margaret Fuller Ossoli was a descendant.

THE Diary here reprinted comes to me written in my grandfather's characteristically neat chirography, in a blank book of the size followed in this reprint, and bound in the familiar pigskin vellum of that date. This book he had used in his college days in studying trigonometry and the advanced problems of land-surveying, and in dividing and plotting in the

now obsolete science of "Dialling," which was the art of constructing sun-dials. In this forgotten science the diagrams in the book before me are most elaborately and carefully drawn, and the rules for ascertaining the exact hour, not only by day but by night, are extremely intricate and interesting, and set down in very careful penmanship.

This exercise-book survived college days, and Mr. Fuller utilized its blank pages thereafter as a commonplace book, in which to note points for his sermons, historical items of passing or permanent interest to him, matters to him of unusual reference, etc., together with such memoranda of political records of his day, and of the then growing Federal commonwealth, as the following:

The President chosen 4th of December but his presidency is not entered up untill y^e 4th of March. The election is to be once in four years. Mr. Thomas Jefferson chosen President of the United States of America by Ballot 1803. The judges are appointed by y^e Confederate Congress.

Here also are the laboriously copied accounts of a trial for witchcraft, of a case of religious frenzy (or, as he labels it, "an Enthusiasm") in South Carolina, and the like, and many reflections of his own as to "Affectation," "Profanity," "Dress," etc., etc.

Upon such blank pages, or portions of pages, as still

remained, Mr. Fuller commences, in the momentous days of 1775, to note the stirring and stormy events which began to transpire and thicken about him. Most interesting of all are the simple entries of events then incidental, but since of such momentous importance — the item:

April 19, 1775. This day we were alarmed Upon y^e descent of a Party of Regulars leaving Boston very early, when arrived at Lexington they killed Several Persons and did other Mischief.

and, in immediate juxtaposition, the following:

The Widow Stevens with her daughter, Son Samuel & wife moved to my house.

That was the shot fired by the “embattled farmers” “heard round the world.”

Again:

June 17th, 1775. The Provincials & Regular Troops from Boston had a very smart engagement at Bunkers Hill Charlestown.

So quietly did my ancestor note a day and an event upon which, in the glowing diction of Daniel Webster, “all subsequent history has poured its light.”

Here, too, are the notes of his itineraries taken as voluntary chaplain among the patriot soldiers gath-

ered about Charlestown and Boston, faithfully and often fantastically grouped with domestic and pastoral details, New Year and family calls and visitations, and the like.

Of course the items relating to the war in precincts remote from his own environment were written in later, and partook of the old purpose of the commonplace book. But the dates are always, as was the writer's wont, as exact and brief as are those within his personal knowledge, his dislike for anything savoring of exaggeration or possible misinformation being curiously indicated in one or two instances, where, having set down the valuation of a prize captured by the Gloucester privateers (who rendered such inestimable services to the patriot quartermasters) at a given figure, he carefully erased that figure, and left the entry blank, on a later suspicion, perhaps, of their too generous proportions.

While these entries are, of course, of concern only to Mr. Fuller's descendants, they are of wider interest at least in showing everywhere the pride with which he himself and his contemporaries regarded the achievements of the yeoman soldiery and sailors, and the fervent confidence which all about him felt in the ultimate success of the patriot cause. In this, at any rate, this Diary—kept in times when, as is a very

conspicuous matter of fact, personal diaries were few and far between, and men were men of deeds rather than scribes—is certainly some small contribution to our actual history.

Mr. Fuller's entries, it will be seen, are most frequent in the years 1775 and 1776. Perhaps the crowding events of subsequent years precluded much attention to personal records. The first and last items, as will be seen, are personal. But for the members of his family the Diary is of sufficient interest, I think, to warrant this effort for its preservation.

I desire to add my acknowledgments to my nephew, Appleton Morgan, Esq., of New York City, a great-grandson of the Rev. Mr. Fuller, for his assistance in preparing the Diary for the printer.

DANIEL FULLER APPLETON.

IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS,

July 1, 1894.

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A Chronological Account of the
Family and Descendants of
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IT is very unaccountable that there are so many of the first settlers of this country who have been so deficient in giving us thier descendants an Account of thier family, the Place of thier Nativity, the Place of thier First Settlement here, and the occasion of their emigration &c in writing; when, at the same Time it does appear from Tradition, in some Cafes, that they were not unacquainted with Letters and the Art of Writing.

It appears from Tradition, that my great grandfather by My Father's side, Thomas Fuller & great great-grandfather by my mother's side had somewhat of a Poetical Turn of Mind: for I have collected a Few Verses from Aged People, said to be his composition, that he was urged to allow them to be carried to the Press, but the matter was never accomplished.

That you, my dear Children, might not be altogether Ignorant of your lineage and Descent from this common stock, of the Design of his coming to New England

land (which seems to have been out of curiosity, for he designed to have tarried but one year,) the occasion of his tarrying here (which was, it also seems, on account of Religion) And of the Blessings that have followed his Offspring to the fourth and fifth generation, for I have never known or heard that any of his seed have been put to the hard Necessity of begging thier Bread. On this Account, I have been at the pains of collecting and now commit to writing the following chronological Account.

In the year 1620, in y^e month of December the Plymouth Company arrived at old Plymouth in New England. And about eighteen years after—in 1638—Thomas Fuller came to a place then called Salem Village, now called Middleton—1638. There he purchased a Tract of wild land, built a House near a Stream about half a mile below Middleton Pond south of Wilts Hill. His house was near the spot where the Revd Mr. Smith now lives. He had six sons and one Daughter, Thomas, John, Jacob, Benjamin, Joseph, Samuel, and Ruth.—Thomas 2nd had six sons Thomas, Jonathan, John, Joseph, William and Stephen. No Daughters. John the first no Sons, two Daughters. Jacob Second, two sons. Edward and Jacob, and three daughters, Mary, Betty and Sarah. Benjamin 1st two sons Samuel (married a Bacon, December 15th 1685) and Benjamin, and four Daughters Sarah, Ruth, Abigail and Hannah. Joseph the first

first and Samuel the first, were not married. Ruth 1st married a Wheeler. She left only one Daughter, Ruth. Thomas 3rd, married a Baxton, (and had) three sons John, Joseph and Timothy, four Daughters, Elizabeth, Ruth, Mary and Lydia. Samuel 2nd (had) three sons, James, Joshua and Samuel, and three Daughters, Mary, Miriam and Abigail. (These are my Father's Brother's children.) Benjamin 2nd married Mary Fuller — (Thos 3rds daughter) (and had) six sons, Archelaus, Daniel 1st, Andrew 1st, Elijah these three last died young 2nd Daniel 2nd Andrew. Two Daughters Sarah died when she was about thirteen years old, and one child still born. Archelaus 1st (had) three sons, Elijah, Benjamin, Daniel. Elijah died a little after he was out of his time. Five Daughters. Sarah and Hannah, by his first wife. Hannah, Richardson, Betty, Sarah and Mary, Benjamin and Daniel by his second wife, Betty Putnam, widow (maiden name Dale). Hannah married Joseph Hutchinon. They had four sons Elijah, Joseph, Archelaus and Levi. Betty Putnam (had) two daughters Betty and Lucy. Sarah Putnam had two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, and three sons, Israel, Fuller, and Samuel.

Daniel (myself), born September 1st, 1740. At about fourteen years of age I was put an apprentice to Joseph Fuller of Middleton, carpenter and shipjoiner. At about seventeen began to learn Latin. At twenty,
about

about the year 1760, I entered Cambridge College, and took my first degree in 1764. The spring before, myself and brother Andrew took the smallpox by enoculation at Charlestown. I kept school at Old Hampton, New Hampshire, 1765, and at Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1767. Removed to my Fathers, studied Divinity, and took my second Degree 1766. Began to preach 1768. Came to preach at Cape Ann July 1769. Was ordained college pastor with the Rev^d Richard Jaques, second church Gloucester, January 10th 1770. August 14th was married to Hannah Bowers, born September 17, 1750 the daughter of the Rev^d Benjamin Bowers of Middleton, Connecticut. December 1750 began to keep House at Cape Ann. House formerly Rev. Mr. Jaques's. Aug. 27th 1771 our eldest daughter Hannah Peters, was born. Aug. 27, 1773 Daniel was born. February 27, 1776, Benjamin was born. April 1, 1770 Elijah was born. September 11, 1780 Archelaus was born. October 22nd 1782 Samuel Newell was born. February 18, 1785, Mary was born. June 27th 1787, Sarah, was born. My son Daniel at about the age of fourteen years went to live with Capt. David Hinkley at New Braintry, returned home August, 1793. Benjamin at about the age of fifteen years was Bound to John Mycall of Newberry to learn the art of Printing. Elijah at about the age of fourteen years went to live with Mr. Joseph Wood, Cape Ann Harbor, to learn the Tin Man's Trade.

Trade. Archelaus at about the age of sixteen years went to Newberryport to learn the art of Portrait Painting &c of Mr. Benjamin Tucker. Samuel at about the age of fourteen went to Bridgton near Port Land to live with his brother Daniel in trade. Benjamin, January 1st 1798 Hired a store in Boston, near to Boston Stone. He was married to Marcia Beal of Boston, July 13th 1800.

MIDDLE HADDAM, CONNECTICUT, NEW ENGLAND.

Rev^d Benjamin Bowers was born March 7, 1713-14.

Sarah Newhall, his wife, was born January 17th 1718-19.

Their Children

- 1 Benjⁿ born July 16, 1743
- 2 Sarah " Aug 1st 1745
- 3 Hannah, born June 2nd 1745
- 4 Jonathan, born May 19, 1749
Died Oct. 17th 1749
- 5 Hannah Born Sept 1750
- 6 Mary born Oct 16th 1752
- 7 Jonathan born Oct 15th 1754
- 8 Lydia born July 11, 1756

Mrs Bowers departed this life July 31, 1757, 5 o'clock p m.

Sarah departed this life Oct 26 — 1766.

The Rev^d Benjamin Bowers departed this life May 10, 1761.

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The Meditations
and Experiences of
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dren in Verse (1638)

I

In thirty eight I fet my foot
Upon New England's shore
My thoughts were then to stay one Year
And here to stay no more.

II

But by the preaching of God's word
By famous Shepherd. He
In what a woful state I was
I then began to see.

III

My father was an Amorite
And I am Hittite born
In all the blood of filthyness
I saw myself solorn.

iv Christ

IV

Chrift caſt his Garments over me
And all my Sins did cover
More precious to my Soul was he
Than deareſt Friend or Lover.

V

His pardoning mercy to my Soul
All thoughts did far furmount
The Bowells of his Love to me
Was quite beyond account.

VI

Sometimes I am upon the Hill
And I ſee the City clear
I knew twas New Jeruſalem
I was to it ſo near.

VII

I ſaid thy Mountain does ſtand firm
And doubtleſs t'will forever
But when God turned his face away
This Joy from me did fever.

VIII

A Mary Magdalen, of whom
The Scriptures do us tell

That

That seven Devils & no less
At once in her did dwell.

IX

Manassah, too, whose sins did all
Vile Ephraims far exceed
In that he caus'd Jerufalem
Most cruelly to bleed.

X

But oh God's mercy how timely
It comes, to each of these
Christ's Precious Blood sufficient was
God's Anger to Appease!

XI

Sure Ephraim is a pleasant Child,
A son to me most dear
And since against him I have spoke
My Bowells troubled are.

XII

Sometimes I am in mountains High,
Sometimes in Vallies low
The state that Man's in here below
Does oft times ebb and flow.

XIII I

XIII

I heard the Voice of God, by Man
Yet Sorrows held me fast
But these my Joys did far exceed
God heard my voice at last.

XIV

Satan flung fiery darts at me
And thought the day to win
Because he knew he had a Friend
That always dwelt within.

XV

But surely God will save my soul
And though you Trouble have
My Children Dear, who fear the Lord
Your Souls at Death Will Save.

XVI

All Tears shall then be wipt away
And Joys beyond Compare,
Where Jesus is and Angells dwell
With every Saint you'll Share.

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1775.

THE first of this month I & my wife went to Middleton to attend the Funeral solemnities of My Dear Father. We arrived safely at my Mother's. How are all things changed? A Mother overwhelmed with grief, saying, this is Trouble such as I never met with before. A solemn meeting of Brothers. Sorrow stops y^e course of utterance. And a Pause ensues! That Hand & that Tongue which welcomed Children to a Father's house, by Reason of Death are now silent and cold! O cruel Death! what very Friends and Lovers hast thou separated? equally regardless of y^e Widows Tears. & y^e Cryes of the Fatherless.

"How vain are all things here below
"How false and yet how fair
"Each Pleasure has its Poison too
"Every sweet a Snare

"The

March 1,
1775.

"The brightest things below y^e fky
 "Give but a flattering light
 "We should expect some Danger nigh
 "When we Possess Delight."

After Paying our last solemn Rites to our dear father's Remains we returned, and thro' y^e Goodness of God to upward find our family well — May not y^e voice of y^e Dead be presently forgot, saying to us be ye also Ready.

About this time made an exchange with the Rev^d Mr. Cutler,¹ cold and uncomfortable Weather for y^e Season. Toward y^e latter End of this month two snow storms.

March 16,
1775.

The Rev^d Mr. Chandler Departed this Life (who was 14 years minister of y^e First Chr. in Gloucester) in y^e 85 year of his age.

March 22,
1775.

About this Time preached for y^e Rev^d Mr. Tappan Newbery.

March 24,
1775.

The British Troopes Evacuated Boston, New England. Six thousand in number — Experienced Warriors for Nova Scotia.

This

¹ Manasseh Cutler, of the Hamlets, now Hamilton, Member of Congress, author of the Ordinance of 1787, and promoter of first settlement of Ohio.

This day we were alarmed Upon y^e descent of a Party of Regulars leaving Boston very early, when arived at Lexington they killed Several Perfens and did other Mischief.

April 19,
1775.

The Widow Stevens with her'daughter, Son Samuel & wife moved to my house.

April 21,
1775.

People in this Parish chiefly employed in removing House Hold Furniture and Provision of all kinds from y^e Harbours to this Place. Preached, but very few people attended, the flight was on the Sabbath. The Horrid Massacre committed by the fore mentioned Regulars under the command of Col. Smith greatly alarmed us. Never saw such a Sabbath before. The ever to be dreaded Sword of Civil War is drawn. The Lord grant y^t it may be speedily sheathed again.

April 23,
1775.

Mr. Josiah Quincy arrived at our Harbor from England and Soon after died on bord the ship. The guns at Penopshut fort taken away by General Gage's Order.

The Harbour Chh and Parish in order to Resettle a Gospel Minister — kept this day as a Day of Fast-ing and Prayer. Present the Rev^d Mr Roggers of Town, who preached A. M. The Rev^d Mr Cleaveland who made the First Prayer. P. M. and myself Closed with Prayer.

April 26,
1775.

April 28,
1775.

I and my wife Dined at Col^l. Peter Coffins in company with the Rev^d Eli Forbes & Wife, the Rev^d Obadiah Parsons & wife. The above said Mr. Quincey was interred at the Harbour Parish. He had been to England on publick Business, had several Conferences with Lord North and Dartmouth—much was expected from so Ingenious and intelligent a Man. But we are deprived of it,—a great power of Providence at such a critical Time.

May 1,
1775.

Hired a man to set some Grafts, transplanted some Mulberry and Apple trees.

May 2,
1775.

Walked to Chebacco to attend the Rev^d John Cleavelands Quarterly Fast. Minister's Present the Rev^d Eli Forbes—the Rev^d Eben Cleaveland. The Rev^d Obidiah Parsons & my self.

May 3,
1775.

The Rev^d Eli Forbes & Lady & Col. Coffin's Lady were at my House.

May 7,
1775.

Sowed Some Hay Seed. We are Credibly informed that the People of New York and New Jersey have taken New York Fort from the Possession of the King's troops, and have Prevented General Gage's vessels from importing any thing from thence.

May 7,
1775.

Sacrament day.

Went



*A View of the Old Church at West Parish, Gloucester, Mass.
Built 1711.*

Went to see Mr. Urion Stevens sick of a Feaver. Stopped at John Haskell's Widow's, two Families in her Chamber one of the Children an Infant very ill.

May 8,
1775.

Visited at Arion Haskells at David Haskell's & at the Rev^d Mr. Jaques's & Sons. Their youngest Daughter Dangerously ill.

Continental Congress is to meet at Philadelphia. The Provincial Congress have agreed to have a Standing army stationed at Cambridge to consist of 30000 men. Connecticut sends 6000 Rodiland 1500.

A day of humblest fasting and prayer over the Province.

May 11,
1775.

Had my garden Plowed and dug by Caleb Lufkin. The General Assembly of Connecticut have Resolved y^t an Embargo be placed upon the exportation by Water of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Pork, Beef, Live Cattle, Peas, Beans, Bread, Flower, & every kind of Meal to continue to 20 of May. Senators of the Congress of America are appointed by the individual States.

May 12,
1775.

Rev Eben Cleaveland at my House. Exchanged with him.

May 13,
1775.

Hannah Peters went to School — Rev^d Mr Parsons & wife & Daughter at my house. Times very distressing, more Troops arrived, & more expected.

May 15,
1775.

Trees

May 16,
1775.

Trees full in their Bloffom. Prospect of a Fruitful year. Planting & Sowing my garden.

May 29,
1775.

Rode to Middleton in Company with Ifrael Eveleth, met an Alarm upon Cheboffet Causeway, it was said a Body of Regular Troops were landed & landing at West Beach Beverley. It proved was Falso. Dined at the Rev^d Mr Willard's, slept at My Mother's.

May 30,
1775.

Rode to Water-Town. Rev^d Dr Langdon Preached an election Sermon. Rode to Westtown slept at y^e Widow Gibbs with y^e Rev^d Mr Wadsworth.

June 3,
1775.

The Rev^d Mr Stevens, of Kittery Preached at Watertown to the Convention of Ministers we agreed to preach as Chaplins by Rotation thro' the Province to y^e Provincial Army at Cambridge. Rode to Cambridge. Dined at Major Ezra Putnam's. Stroled a little about Town. The Troops have made Barracks of y^e Colleges. Stoughton Southwest Corner Second Story this Chamber converted into a Printing office. The foldiers in High Spirits, sickly among y^m. Attended y^e Funeral of one of y^m. Rhode down to y^e Stone Houfe, saw some Indians belonging to y^e Camp, doleful appearance y made indeed! Viewed y^e Fortifications. Returned to Middleton.

The Latter End of last week & y^e Beginning of this Colonel Putnam with a Small Detachment brought from

from Hog & Noddles' Islands Five Hundred Sheep, a Number of Cows & Horses, & Since that more from Dear Island a little below, burnt an armed schooner, took a small boat with three or four men in Her. Set Boat & Men in y^e Boat into a Waggon drove to Cambridge all this without y^e loss of a Man.

Two transports lay off in Ipswich bay.

Visited at Mr Bynton's.

Exchanged with Mr Toppan of Manchester at Marble Head Harbor a few Men retake a vessel loaded with Molasses & other Westindia goods from a Man of War in y^e Night which the Man of War Men did not discover until some Time Next Day.

We are credibly informed y^t at Noodle's Island two Provincials being fort with Cannon from a Man of War, they ventured so near as to return y^e Fire with thier muskets, it is said killed a Man upon y^e Shrouds took up some of thier Shott and walked off unhurt.

Went to Beverly to fetch the News Papers. Met Capⁿ Collins's Company in the way to Cambridge, And a Number of Harbour Gentle Men at Manchester at Deaⁿ Allens Tavern — we Rode up in Marshall order, Major Rogge led the Van, & Major Whittemore brought up the Rear.

Our

June 4,
1775.

June 10
1775.

June 11
1775.

June 15
1775.

June 16,
1775.

Our Troops began an Intrenchment on Bunkers Hill Charlestown.

June 17,
1775.

The Provincials & Regular Troops from Boston had a very smart engagement at Bunkers Hill Charlestown—Charlestown at y^e Same Time supposed to contain about 300 dwelling houses besides 150 or 200 other buildings were almost all laid in ashes by General Gage's Order.

July 5,
1775.

My Horse Kicked one of my Leggs, by which I was very lame.

July 6,
1775.

Rode in my Chaise to Col Coffin's.

July 7,
1775.

Invited to dine at Zebulon Haskell's . . . Mr William Ellery at Table—Rev^d Mr Forbes at my House.

July 9,
1775.

Sabbath, not able to Preach, by Reason of my Lameness.

July 16,
1775.

Sabbath, my Leg very lame. Not able to preach.

July 18,
1775.

Election of Councillors in This Province.

July 19,
1775.

Fast Day — The Continental Congress. North American Recommended a General Fast to be on this Day & we learn y^t Twelve of our Provinces Professed Religiously to keep the same—Preached on Said Day.

Mr.

Mr. Appleton¹ of Ipswich preached for me.

July 23,
1775.

Alarmed in this Parish. Capt. Linsey lay off Squam river. Sent a barge with fifty men who attempted to Land on Col. Coffin's Beach; but were Repulsed by a brisk firing of our People. Fast days are on Thursdays.

August 5,
1775.

Sacrament Day.

August 6,
1775.

I, my wife and oldest child Hannah Peters rode to Middleton. Found my mother & kindred well.

August 7,
1775.

I & my wife rode to Wobourn Precinct. Dr Win, all well Molley lately recovered from the Small Pox. We rode in company with Molley Win to Roxbury, stopped at y^e Sine of Y^e Punch Bowl. There Saw Father Boardman Chaplin. I rode to y^e top of Roxbury Hill, found Brother Jonathan Bowers in y^e Service. Slep at Jamaica Plains, I was at Rev^d Mr Gorden's.

August 7,
1775.

Lyndsey, capt of a man of war, fired it is supposed near 300 Shot at y^e Harbour Parish. Damaged y^e meeting House somewhat, & some other Buildings. Not a Single Person killed or wounded with his Cannon Shott. We Retook two vessels belonging to Salem, his barge & another Boat, also we took together with
y^m

August 8,
1775.

¹ This was the Rev. Joseph Appleton, father of the late William Appleton, merchant, of Boston; afterward Minister of Brookfield, Massachusetts.

y^m about thirty of thier men, with the los of only two of our Men. His Boatfwain likewise in attempting to fet the town on fire by Firing the Train of Powder to some combustable Matter prepared, providentially the fire was communicated to y^e powder iron in his hand which occasioned an explosion and it is said he lost his Hand if not his Life.

August 10,
1775.

Returned to Col. Spencer's Lodging, took our Leave of Father Boardman & Brother Bowers. Dined at Captⁿ Eveleth's Tent. Prospect Hill. By Reason of y^e Rain which fell in great plenty, were prevented from viewing y^e intrenchments upon y^e Summit of f^d Hill. Returned to Woobourn, slept at Dr Win's.

August 11,
1775.

After dinner sett off for Middleton—drank a Glafs of Wine at y^e Rev. M^r Haven's Reading. Slept at my Mother's.

August 12,
1775.

Rev^d Mr. Wadsworths, Danverfe, who engaged to preach by way of exchange for me the next Sabbath.

August 13,
1775.

Preached for the Rev. Mr. French, Andover, who preached at Beverley, for the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock at Danverfe.

August 15,
1775.

The Rev^d Mr. Smith's Youngest Child died. Non-exportation takes place.

August 16,
1775.

We returned to our House, found all well. Blessed
be

be y^e Name of Our God for His Goodness to me & Mine, may it lead us to unfained Repentance & engage us to Walk with Him all y^e Days of our Lives!

An Armed Schooner brought into our Harbor, a Ship taken by a Man of War from Portsmouth bound to West Indies which it retook.

September 7,
1775.

Brother and crew came to my House. Left his Family & our Friend.

September 9,
1775.

He kept Sabbath with me.

September 10,
1775.

We rode to y^e Harbor in y^e Morning. In y^e afternoon to Danverfe.

September 11,
1775.

Went to Middleton, Brother Archalaus & oldest Son sick of Fevers. After Noon returned to my family & found y^m thro y^e goodness of God in usal health, overtook some Rifle men on y^e march to retake Quebec & the other Western forts now in Possession of y^e King's Troops.

September 12,
1775.

The Rev^d Mr. Williams of Newcasco came to my house, lodged with me.

September 14,
1775.

Rode to Captain Norwoods & dined there with y^e Rev^d Mr. Williams & Parsons of Squam. Then Rode to Mr. Cleveland's Parish. Lodged at Dr. Pools.

September 16,
1775.

October 3,
1775.

A Diploma was given admitting a Number of Gentlemen to y^r First & Second Degree—About this time a large quantity of wood came into Squam River occasioned by a Freshet in Marimac River it is said enough to supply the Parish of Squam thro the Winter.

October 19,
1775.

The Canicaux—Capt Mowat, with four other armed Veffels, came From Boston to Casco Bay.

October 20,
1775.

They fet y^e town on Fire. Without any opposition they attempted to fet y^e meeting house on Fire but did not fucceed.

October 30,
1775.

A Company of Five & Thirty came From Ipswich to this Town to affist in fortifying our Harbour.

October 31,
1775.

We had a general Muster in order to view Arms.

November 3,
1775.

The fort S^t Johns near Montreal. This Garrifon Surrendered this Day, to General Montgomery.

November 27,
1775.

An Oifter Boat Retaken by Cap Bradbury Saunders, in our harbour.

November 28,
1775.

The Privateer Capt Manley Master brought into our Harbour Capann a Brig laden with military stores valued at Thirty Thoufand pounds sterling. N. B. Had on Board a Fine Brafs mortar weight ^H 27 ^{2a} 2. &

& some odd Pounds, at the same Time brought in a Sloop in y^e Service of y^e Ministerial troops.

The aforefaid Privateer carried into Beverly a Ship laden with Sea Coal, Rum, Wine Clothing &c &c valued at 30.000.¹

December 3,
1775.

Rode to Middleton, found my Friends in Health. Poor Elijah died last Month. The Dearest Friends and Relatives must Part. May we have a happy meeting in y^e W^d of Glory.

December 12,
1775.

Rode to Medford. And walk'd from thence to Winter Hill. Slept at Col. Hutchinfons Barracks. Saw Major Ezra Putnam sick with the jaundice.

December 13,
1775.

Took a walk in the morning amongst the Barracks upon Winter Hill. How does the effects of Horrid War alter y^e appearance of Things! Where are those beautiful Walks and valuable Nurseries of — that once adorned this Spot! Cut off unfinished by a most unnatural war. O cruel Mother Country if you may be so called, come take a walk with me. Look around. Behold y^e Hardy, y^e Valliant sons of Freedom. Intrepid Warriors, tho not bred to Arms yet not in y^e manual Servise unskilled. See the effect of a few months!

December 14,
1775.

¹ This valuation appears to have been subsequently erased by Mr. Fuller.

months! Commodious Barracks. Impregnable Fortresses. Mark yon Summit the Hights of Charlestown, there Bled—To your Dishonor and Disgrace it must be said! many, many of y^e Flower of Your Troops. View y^e Ruins at y^e Foot of y^e Hill upon y^e Right Hand, of y^r once Flourishing Town, laid in ashes by a Tyrant's Command. Stretch your View further to Boston. Think how its Inhabitants y^e Sons of Freedom have deserted thier pleasant Habitations or profitable honest Employments because of your cruel Inhumane Treatment! See your half Famished Troops befeaging but strange to relate — befeaged — thier Tirant Masters and Cruel Mother.

December 15,
1775.

Ploughed-Hill near Charleston Common. This fort is well constructed, we erected it in the mouth of your cannon, and Still Hold with undaunted Courage. Cobble Hill, southwest of Bunkers Hill, no opposition tho' you see your water castle or man of war lyes hard by. See there southward our Busy Soldiery have built a Bridge & are completing a causeway in order to erect a fort upon yonder point of land Leachmores Point. Prospect Hill. How well prepared we are. You Now may see to defend ourselves & meet our Enemy. But you must be going. Take Head, beware, you stand upon Slippery ground adieu.

I returned to Middleton — gave at Medford my horse one night my horse 18S 9^d.

Returned

Returned to Gloucester. Capt Manly brought a prize into Beverly—a sloop loaded with Corn & Oates.

December 16,
1775.

Our Privateers brought a Sloop into our Harbour laden with wood designed for the besieged ministerial Troops in Boston.

December 19,
1775.

Four Quaker gentlemen came from the Southward to this Place to relieve the Poor.

December 20,
1775.

1776.

The Year Begins with the continuance of an unhappy Civil War amongst us.

January 1,
1776.

I went to y^e Cove. Visited at Mr. Christopher Hogg's house & Mr. Bailey's, at Mr. William Morgan's & Mr. Andrews', at Mr. William Fords, & Mr. Andrews, at Mr. Trask's, at Mr. Camble's—at Mr. Ruffell's—at Mr. Hibberts, at Captain Gilberts—at Mr. Jonathan Gilberts' & walked home in y^e Evening. Very cold and Slippery.

Preached a New Year's sermon.

January 14,
1776.

Visited at Mr. William Allins, at Isaac Allins, at Sam^l Hadlocks, at Captⁿ Blakes, at Captⁿ Coofe's—at the Widow Stevens's, at Mr. Benj. Bishop's, at Mrs. Ann Haskell's, his daughter Nemone sick of a Consumption.

January 15,
1776.

fumption. it Rained. very bad walking. A ship from London & a Brig from Cork taken & carried to Newberry.

January 16,
1776.

Went to David Haskell's again, Daughter remains very ill. Visited at Mr. Daniel Haskells. The Rev^d Mr. Forbes's Wife at y^e Harbor died about 9 oclock P. M.

January 17,
1776.

Walked to y^e Harbor by y^e way of y^e Ferry, stopped at the Rev^d Mr. Boggerfes, dined at Major Lows, on my return visited at M^r Ebenezer Brays. Returned home, a very bad snow storm.

March 7,
1776.

The British Troops precipitately Left y^e Town of Boston. The Virtue of Common Stinging Nettles, it is one of the most efficient medicines we have in the Vegitable Kingdom, in the form of a strong dicotion or Infusion, taken in the Quantity of a Pint in a Day it is a most valuable Strengtheners of a general or Particular Relaxation. In that of a weak Infusion, it proves a valuable alternative or Decobstruction of the Vessels, and in that of expresseed Juices, taken by Spoonfulls as y^e exigency of y^e case requires, it is the most powerful Stiptich in internal Bleedings known. Externally applied as fermentation or Poultice it amazingly dyspenses or scatters Inflammations & resolves Swellings. In the common sore throat, thus applied and internally in a gargle great dependence may safely be put in this common plant.

One of y^e Continental Frigates of 24 guns built at Newbury-Port under y^e Direction of y^e Hon. Thomas Cushing Esq^r was launched.

May 3,
1776.

Joseph Coward came to my House to Stay with me.

May 6,
1776.

A continental Frigate of 32 guns, built at Portsmouth under y^e Direction of John Langdon Esq was launched, y^e whole time from her raising to y^e Day of her launching did not exceed sixty working Days & was completely at her Anchors in y^e main channel in less than Six months from y^e time she run without y^e least hurt.

May 4,
1776.

Second Continental Fast.

May 17,
1776.

Ruth Bray Came to my House to tarry a little while.

June 28,
1776.

Independence of the United States declared.

July 4,
1776.

Battle at Trenton New Jerfey.

December 26,
1776.

Preached here. Dined at Mr. Baker's, quite a sickly time with y^m. Stopt at Col. Coffin's, saw y^e Rev^d Mr. Forbes & wife. Returned from Brookfields. About this time a Brig from Canida, bound to Boston with live stock and other Necessaries for the ministerial troops taken by the people of this town.

September 17,
1776.

1777. Battle

1777.

August 16,
1777.

Battle of Bennington which Preceeded General Burgoynes furrender of y^e Britifh Army to General Gates.

1778.

January 9,
1778.

I fent fifty dollars to him ¹ by Mr. Jonathan Lord.²

February 6,
1778.

A treaty of Friendship and Commerce Between y^e United States and the court of Versailles Was Signed y^s day.

1779.

July 5,
1779.

An Army confisting of 2600 Troops Commander Governor Tryon landed at New Haven, Connec^t, where they wantonly did confiderable Damage. The feventh—deftroy the Town of Fairfield, burnt the Meeting Houfe—Done by the Refugee-Tories—The tenth they deftroyed Norwalk & Greenfield. Evergreen plants in y^e Bloffom 10 of this month Manchester—the Bafs woodtree Sweet agermony, a monthly Plant. Deaⁿ Rokets pasture, in y^e Bloffom.

1780. Was

¹ Mr. Fuller's son Daniel.

² This entry was fubfequently canceled on payment of the loan.

1780.

Was interred y^e Wife of The Rev^d Eli Forbes, who departed this Life y^e 6. Pall Holders y^e Rev. John Rogers, John Cleaveland, Benj^a Tappan, Joseph Dana, Manaffah Culler, Dan^l Fuller.

June 9,
1780.

About 12 oclock A. M. came on an uncommon Darknefs, some time previous to it the Clouds arose about South West remarkably black which Soon overspread y^e Horizon. The Darknefs increafed to y^e degree t^t we were obliged to light a Candle to dine by. This darknefs continued till towards y^e Sun going down. The Moon full'd y^e 15th, yet it was fo dark about Nine P. M. that in a Room where there were three large windows no glimpfe of light could be Perceived no more yⁿ in a Dark Cellar.

May 19,
1780.

Gloucester 2 Chu, the first time y^e sacrament administered this year.

May 20,
1780.

1781.

The Reduction of y^e British Army under the Command of Lord Cornwallis at York, Gloucester, Virginia —General Washington, commander in chief of the Confederate army in America.

November 19
1781.

November 25,
1781.

A Man of War & a Transport Burnt by Lightning in our Bay.

November 26,
1781.

A Sloop taken by the Privateers and brought into our Harbour loaded with Fish & Train Oil. A violent Storm of snow.

1783.

April 29,
1783.

I rode to Ipswich to attend upon the celebration of the American Peace, Mr John Cleaveland read the Proclamation in Mr Frisby's Meeting House & Prayed. A Psalm was Sung, After which three Cannon were fired thirteen Times. The United States and French Flags were flying. Then all the Assembled People were Invited to dine. Tables spread upon the Common. Then 13 Toasts were drank and Cannon Fired. Fire Works & Illumination were displayed at Evening—Drank Tea at Dr Mannings and returned.

1784.

November 17,
1784.

Had a Suit of Clothes made—Broad Cloth not superfine cost 1290 Dollars, making exclusive of trimmings 490—1790 Dollars.

1788. Bought

1788.

Bought for Dan^l Coat, Jaecoat & Brecches £1..9..7^d.
Dictionary 6/ Buckels 4/

July 18,
1788.

1789.

It being the Day of the Commencement of the Con-
stitution & Inauguration of the government.

October 25,
1789.

1797.

A little after funfet I discovered a Winged Infect,
the humming of his wings nearly resembled that of a
Humbird. I noticed that in great Haste it passed from
Plant to Plant, applying its hinder Part close to the
Leaves, one of which I cropt.& found upon it a green
Egg, about the bignefs of a Cabbage feed. I placed
it in the Houfe by a window.

June 19,
1797.

Hired fifty dollars of John Roberts Jan^r (paid) of
Captain Richard Herrick twenty dollars (paid) of Wil-
liam Gage one hundred Dollars the fame day (paid)
Hired of Thomas Herrick fifty dollars (paid).

December 11,
1797.

Sent my Son Benjamin fifteen dollars.¹

December 19,
1797.

¹ This entry canceled on payment of the loan.



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